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The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Belgium to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General and has the honour to inform him of measures taken by Belgium to implement the provisions of Security Council resolution 757 (1992).

Economic and financial sanctions

Belgium is applying European Community regulation 1432/92 of 1 June 1992 prohibiting, as from 31 May 1992, trade between the European Economic Community and the Republics of Serbia and Montenegro.

The regulation prohibits the import into the territories of the Community of products originating in or sent from the Republics of Serbia and Montenegro, the export to those Republics of commodities and products originating in or sent from the Community, as well as any activities aimed at or having the effect of promoting such transactions, directly or indirectly.

The regulation further prohibits the provision of non-financial services aimed at or having the effect of promoting the economies of the Republics of Serbia and Montenegro, directly or indirectly.

Special administrative provisions have been adopted to take into account the exceptions under resolution 757 (1992) to the general sanctions regime.

Under the Royal Decree issued on 5 June 1992, all financial transactions between Belgium and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) are subject to prior authorization by the Minister of Finance, as well as transactions relating to investments in Belgium by or on behalf of individuals or bodies corporate that are nationals of or residents in the territory of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), and transactions relating to the assets of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

Sanctions with regard to aviation

Belgium has taken the necessary administrative measures to implement the air embargo also imposed under European Community regulation 1432/92 with effect from 2 June 1992.

Reduction in the number of diplomatic staff

Belgium informed the Ambassador of the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in Brussels that one Yugoslav diplomat would have to leave Belgian territory by 19 June; the diplomat left Belgium as scheduled.

Suspension of scientific and cultural cooperation

The agreement on economic, industrial, scientific and technical cooperation between Belgium and the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia has been frozen since the end of 1991.

The various departments with competence in those areas and in the area of sports have been notified of the implications of the sanctions imposed by resolution 757 (1992) and will take appropriate action to implement them.

The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Belgium to the United Nations takes this opportunity to convey to the Secretary-General the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.